

### **ALE Programs Receive Special Recognition**

Arkansas alternative learning environment (ALE) programs and their student achievement gains were recognized during a special awards ceremony held Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Governor's Conference Room at the State Capitol in Little Rock.

The awards were based on increased student academic achievement from 2010 to 2011. The programs recognized during Tuesday's event averaged at least 10 students who took the literacy and math tests; showed at least a 10 percent improvement in their average literacy and math scores; and showed at least a 10 percent improvement in the number of students who scored proficient/advanced.

The ALE directors and schools that received awards were:

Sherry Chandler, Jessieville/Fountain Lake ALE  
Alan Yarbrough, Searcy County Academic Achievement Center  
Randy Cannon, Brinkley School District ALE  
Jonathan Bradley and Tracy Simpson, Pottsville High School ALE  
Doyle Woodall, El Dorado School District Murmil Education Center  
Andy West and Willie Campbell, Hamburg School District Ashley County ALE  
Scott Martin, Paragould School District ALE  
Stacy Vines, Caddo Hills ALE  
Valerie Zaske, Highland ALE  
Joseph Connior, Yellville Summit Alternative School  
Linda Walker, Ashdown New Tradition School  
Renee Ragland, Bergman Alternative Education  
Bette Pasley, Riverview ALE

Also, special award presentations were made for the following categories:

Highest Average Literacy and Math Achievement Scores by a School District: Renee Ragland, Bergman School District;

Greatest Overall Growth Scores: Sherry Chandler, Jessieville School District; and

Five Consecutive Years of Growth and High Achievement Scores: Patti Thomas and Katie Deakins, Harrison School District.

The awards presentations were a collaborative effort of the ALE Program at the Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Association of Alternative Educators, in cooperation with the Arkansas Pygmalion Commission.